

COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED PDF DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A PDF file is received from an external application
and key information from the PDF file, concerning a PDF
document contained in the PDF file, is extracted. The
10 extracted key information is compared with analogous
reference information stored for previously received PDF
documents to determine a status for the received PDF
document, which is provided to the external application
from which the PDF file was received. The received PDF
15 document is a duplicate if all the extracted key
information matches analogous reference information, is
an updated document if certain but not all the extracted
key information matches analogous reference information,
or is a new document if at least certain extracted key
20 information does not match analogous reference
information. If the PDF document is a duplicate
document, processing of the PDF file is returned to the
application without storing any extracted key information
as reference information. If the PDF document is an
25 updated document, certain extracted key information is
stored to update the reference information and processing
of the PDF file is returned to the application. If the
PDF document is new, all extracted key information is
stored as reference information and processing of the PDF
file is returned to the application.